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WEATHER REPORT
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LATE A. J. WEDDERBURN

Old and Well-Known Journalist Succumbs to Injuries Received by Fall Several Weeks Ago

Alexander J. Wedderburn, 66 years old, a well-known resident of this city, Fairfax county and Washington, and for many years identified with newspaper work and politics in the Eighth Congressional district of Virginia, died at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home, 1354 Fairmont street northwest, Washington.

Mr. Wedderburn had been ill since the early part of November, when he was injured as the result of a fall. He was born in New Orleans, October 31, 1850, and was a son of Dr. Alexander J. Wedderburn, a surgeon in the United States navy. Dr. Wedderburn was a native of Alexandria, and founder of the University of Louisiana. Mr. Wedderburn's mother was Sarah Ann Johnson, of Alexandria. He married Jane Sarah Addison, who, with four sons and a daughter, survive him. They are: Augustus J. Wedderburn, Alexander J. Wedderburn, jr., George Wedderburn, Francis A. Wedderburn and Miss Mary Bernard Wedderburn, of Washington, and also a brother, George C. Wedderburn, who is connected with the health department of Baltimore.

His funeral took place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from Christ P. E. Church, this city. Services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Morton, rector of the church, assisted by Rev. S. A. Wallis, of the Seminary. Burial was in Christ Church Cemetery.

The honorary pallbearers were Representative C. C. Carlin, M. B. Harlow, W. B. Smoot, Dr. William M. Smith, Gardner L. Boothe, Luke Devlin, J. K. M. Norton, S. G. Brent, E. E. Downham, Dr. Edgar Snowden, R. Walton Moore, R. E. Thornton, Judge Louis C. Barley, James R. Caton and R. C. L. Moncure. The active pallbearers were George K. Pickett, Samuel H. Lunt, F. F. Marbury, Charles P. Waller, Luther H. Thompson, and Dr.Arthur Snowden.

Alexander J. Wedderburn had been a familiar figure in Alexandria during the past half a century. He came of a family well-known and esteemed, descendants of an English stock who were prominent in their day and generation. One of the slabs in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral in London marks the resting place of Jacob Wedderburn.

The family for many years resided in Alexandria.

Fifty years ago, when the subject of this notice was entering manhood, he became the publisher of a weekly advertising sheet known as "The Commercial Advertiser," which was printed in the Gazette office, and later in the old Sentinal Building, on the site of the Fleischmann Hotel. Two years later this paper was published daily in the fourth story of the Alexandria National Bank building, northeast corner of King and Royal streets. A brother of the deceased, George C. Wedderburn, and the late Doctor J. C. Hill were identified with him in this enterprise and Charles Dimitry, who married a daughter of the late Reuben Johnston, was the editor. Mr. Dimitry, now resides in New Orleans. The paper was found to be non-remunerative and its publication soon ceased.The next year Mr.Wedderburn began the publication of a daily paper known as "The City Item," in an upper room of the building occupied by Julius Wolf and George Wise, on the north side of King street, between Royal and Pitt. This paper proved short-lived, and later the deceased became the publisher of the "Virginia Sentinel," in the old Liberty Hall building, on the north side of Cameron street, between Royal and Pitt. This paper was subsequently published by the late W. D. Ball.

About this time Mr. Wedderburn married a daughter of the late E. A. Addison, and subequently moved to Baltimore, where he conducted the publishing business for several years. After a few years he removed his printing outfit to Washington, and later to his home in Fairfax county. He was generally engaged in the publication of weekly papers, at one time the National Home and Fireside. He was secretary of the Virginia Grange at one time.

While residing in Fairfax county, he visited Alexandria daily, and was ever active in any movement for the enhancement of the city's interest. In 1899 he was the principal mover of Sesqui-Centennial and Home-coming Week.

Mr. Wedderburn was the author of "Historic Alexandria," a valuable history of the city, embellished by many pictures of points of interest in this city and vicinity.

Mr. Wedderburn was at one time connected with the pure food department of the government, and at the time of his death was in the internal revenue department, with headquarters in Richmond.

"The Alexandria Sunday Times," was his last newspaper venture. His office at that time was on south Fairfax street.

Mr. Wedderburn was at different times a candidate for the Virginia Senate from this district, and he announced himself a candidate for Lieutenant Governor four years ago, but subsequently withdrew from the race

The deceased was of a jovial and friendly nature, and he had many friends and acquaintances.

Two years ago, when the movement for the erection of a new Alexandria Hospital was launched, Mr. Wedderburn labored assiduously in obtaining subscriptions for this great desideratum. He showed equal zeal in every movement for the good of this city.

FIGHT STUBBORN FIRE

Stables Virtually Destroyed and Four Dwellings Seriously Damaged by Blaze and Water.

About noon today fire was discovered in a stable adioining the store and residence of William Rodgers at the southwest corner of Commerce and Fayette streets. Before the fire was discovered it had gained considerable headway, and by the time the alarm was sounded and the department had reached the scene it was realized that unless speedily checked the conflagration would be disastrous. The fire in the stable burned furiously, spreading quickly to the others of the L-shaped buildings in the court.

In a short time fire had made its way under the roofs of four occupied dwellings adjoining on the west, and the wind being from the east it spread rapidly, and huge volumes of smoke rose from the roofs of the dwellings.

A call was sent for the new auto engine, and it soon reached the scene, and after nearly an hour's fight with the flames the fire was placed under control, not, however, until the stables were virtually destroyed, and the dwelling adjoining occupied by George Ballard, had been seriously damaged. The furniture in the house was also damaged by fire and water, some probably ruined.

The three houses adjoining on the west were occupied by Robert Cline, Edward Williams and a family named Miller. These were also damaged considerably, especially the roofs. Most of the furniture in the three last named houses was removed, but some was damaged in the process.

The two houses adjoining the stables are owned by Henderson Bros. The two to the west to M. B. Harlow. All four were insured

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A report was received yesterday at El Paso, by an American known to be close to Francisco Villa, that he had captured San Pedro de Las Colonias, northeast of Torreon, yesterday. Villa was said to have captured 1,100 de facto troops when he took this town, which was the birthplace of Francisco I. Madero. Carranza officials claim to have no information about taking of this town.

A tremendous alliance between the financial organizations of the United States and Great Britain was outlined in a statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board in Washington yesterday. The board has authorized the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to name as one of its foreign correspondents the Bank of England. The arrangement will link the two greatest governmental financial organizations in the world, for the conduct of international business. The permission granted by the reserve board will be extended to all other federal reserve banks which may wish to arrange for reciprocal business relations with the great British institution.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The Rev. Eugene B. Jackson, is in Front Royal today.

John Smithdeal and wife have sold to Eulalia A. Sperry, of Norfolk, lot 30, block 2, section 1, of Rosemont.

Mr. George O'Brien, of Baltimore, Md., was the guest yesterday of his sister Mrs. R. W. Miller, in The Wagar.

Miss Elizabeth Warren Peyton, of Charlottesville, is the guest of her father, Mr. Philip Barbour Peyton, at his home on Braddock Heights.

Miss Lizette Dilli, of Washington, was the week-end guest of Miss Annie P. Luckett at her home 112 south Patrick St.

The Wednesday Afternoon Dancing Class will meet tomorrow in the auditorium of the Elks' Home, from 3 to 6.

The Christmas dance of the Assembly will be given Thursday evening, in the auditorium of the Elks' Home in Prince Street.

The Allison W. C. T. U. will hold their regular meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock with their president, Miss Slayton, at her home 221 Wolfe St.

Thieves broke into the superintendent's house in the Presbyterian Cemetery recently and stole a pair of overalls. Action has been taken to locate the parties.

Miss Tina Kerns, and Mr. Richard H. Rush, were married Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in the parsonage of the First Baptist Church by the Rev. Eugene B. Jackson, D.D., pastor of the church.

Mr. George Brent, of Altoona, Pa., who is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Brent, in north Columbus street, left this morning to spend several days with friends in Harrisonburg.

Midshipman Ferguson Bryan, of the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Captain and Mrs. Albert Bryan, at their home in Prince street.

Master Henry Love, who is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Horner, in Rosemont, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Love, at her home in Baltimore.

Mr. John Ridout, jr., and Mr. Thomas Leadbeater Ridout, of San Antonio, Texas, are spending the holidays with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Slaymaker, at their home in Rosemont.

Judge Louis C. Barley has re-appointed Messrs. Robinson Moncure, Clinton S. Ballenger and E. E. Lawler board of tax review of this city. Judge Barley has also appointed Mr. Walter C. Foster collector of delinquent state capitation taxes for this city.

Gus Kraus, aged 39, a resident of Braddock, died at the Alexandria hospital yesterday.

Dr. M. W. O'Brien, one of the well known physicians of the city, is quite ill at his home on Cameron St.

Fitzgerald Council, Knights of Columbus, will give its Christmas dance in the Elks' hall this evening. Walsh's Symphony orchestra of Washington will furnish the music.

A suit for divorce was instituted in the Circuit court in this city today by Edna F. Roy. against Rodolphe G. Roy. Edward L. Gies and Amos C. Crounse are counsel for the plaintiff.

Metal mail boxes of an improved pattern have been placed on King street by the postoffice department. It is expected that the old boxes throughout the city will be replaced with new ones later on.

Capt. W. B. Smithers has gone to Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where he will have to undergo a second operation for throat trouble. He was operated upon at the same hospital the first time several months ago.

Rev. E. T. Kirkley, pastor of the Methodist Protestant church, and Miss Flora E. Glasgow, both of this city, were married yesterday by the Rev. C. M. Compher, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church, of Washington.

Members of the Old Dominion Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, met at noon yesterday in their asylum and drank a toast to the health of the grand commander of that organization of the United States in accordance with their annual custom.

Miss Jessie M. Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gray of this city and Byron A. Raulston of Richmond, were married yesterday at St. Mary's Catholic church, Rev. Louis Smet officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Raulston left for Richmond later in the afternoon where they will reside.

There is much complaint on Seminary Hill, near this city, of vandals who have visited that section during the past few days and cut down fine cedar trees on private property to be sold for Christmas. Action has been taken to locate the depredators and prosecute them by law.

It was with interest the the newspaper fraternity throughout Virginia read of the marriage of Miss Bertha Gray Robinson, associate editor of the Orange Observer, and Mr. Louis Cass Martin, editor of the Farmville Journal. The wedding took place Saturday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, at the home of the Rev. John E. Hansbrough, retired rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Orange. Only a few friends witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are both newspaper owners and editors and both members of the Virginia Press Association, Mrs. Martin has been the historian of that association for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Martin will make their home in Farmville.

Councilman William P. Woolls and Mrs. Wools are the guest of Dr. F. W. Lewis at his home in Morattico, Lancaster county, Virginia.

Mr. Gerald Jones, Assistant United States Attorney for Arizona, is the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. Marshall Jones, at their home in Prince street.

Mr. Samuel Robey, formerly of this city but now residing in Hopewell, has been in the city for a few days visiting relatives. He reports the Magic City again on the boom.

Mr. Lewis H. Fawcett, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. Richard H. Fawcett, of Philadelphia, spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Edward Stabler Fawcett, at her home in Prince street.

The body of Charles W. Demaine, who died at Richmond on Thursday, was brought to this city yesterday and buried in the Union cemetery Rev. Father Smet officiating. The deceased was a brother of Wm. H. Demaine and was a native of Alexandria. He was 74 years old.

Sunday school celebrations were held at 4.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Christ and St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal churches and at 7:30 in the evening at the Immanuel Lutheran church. St. Mary's Catholic school held its exercises in the Young Man's Sodality hall. The usual distribution of gifts were made at each service.

The Indian Guard band presented their director and instructor, Prof. Kamper of Washington, with a handsome Christmas gift in the form of a silver loving cup. It was fourteen inches high, ten inches wide and suitably engraved. A committee went to Washington yesterday and made the presentation.

Between fifteen hundred and two thousand people were in attendance at the second annual Community Christmas tree held in this city Sunday evening at six o'clock. The singing of Christmas carols and hymns was led by a choir of several hundred voices under the direction of Mr. Geo. B. Kennedy, director, with Mr. Sherman B. Fowler, organist. Included in the program were "Silent Night," "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come," "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and others. The tree stood about twenty-five feet high and was handsomely trimmed and lighted, being surmounted by a large illuminated star which could be seen for a long distance.

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Grimes, who were killed near Lorton, Thursday afternoon, by a train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac railroad, was very largely attended Sunday afternoon, bodies were conveyed to the Presbyterian cemetery in separate hearses, and buried side by side. The pallbearers were Harry Hammond, Ashby Reardon, Robert F. Green, Neville H. Peake, Mark Price and Herman Waddey. Rev. E. V. Regester of the Del Ray Methodist church officiated.

KAISER ANSWERS WILSON

Proposes Calling Immediate Conference to Discuss Peace.

Berlin, (Via Sayville wireless), Dec. 26—Germany today proposed a meeting of delegates of belligerents in her answer to President Wilson's peace note.

Her formal reply to the American peace suggestion was made in a note handed to United States Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, and at the same time to the American diplomatic representatives at the capital of the other central powers—Vienna, Sofia, and Constantinople.

The note also hints the "great work of the prevention of future wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of nations," and declares "when this moment shall have come" Germany will be "ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States at this exalted task."

A dispatch from Jassy, dated December 22, says that the Roumanian Parliament was opened there on that day by King Ferdinand. The dispatch says that the king, in a speech from the throne, said that the war had shown that Austria-Hungary, in her present condition, could no longer exist as a factor in the equilibrium of Europe. The king said that the Roumanian Army had struggled against the forces of four combined enemies in a manner justifying Roumania looking to the future with absolute confidence.

Four new ocean liners, larger and faster than the Mauretania and the Lusitania, will soon be constructed for the American Line, officials of the International Merchantile Marine Co., which control the line have announced. The vessels will be constructed at a cost of $7,500,000 each and will be more than 900 feet long. They probably will be constructed in the New York Shipbuilding Company's yards at Wilmington, Del.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PEARSON.

Held at Pohick Church Yesterday Morning at 11 o'clock.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Henry Pearson of Accotink Station, Fairfax county, took place at Old Pohick Church yesterday, Christmas Day, at 11 o'clock in the morning. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Wallis, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, near this city, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Mellichampe, minister of Pohick Church. Mrs. Pearson had been confirmed at the church during Dr. Wallis' rectorate some years ago.

She leaves a husband and five children, three of whom are married. She was a native of England, her father, Mr. Daniel Baker, sr., having come to Virginia during her childhood. Her sister, Mrs. John Thermer, was for some time a resident of this city. Mrs. Pearson was a person of high christian character and much esteemed in the community.

QUIET CHRISTMAS DAY

Anniversary of the Advent of the Messiah Celebrated Safely and Sanely in Alexandria.

It is generally agreed that yesterday was the most serene Christmas ever experienced by the oldest Alexandrians. But few evidences of tarrying long at the wine were noticeable, while the number of explosions heard on the streets were less than ever known before. Everybody seemed to be in a good humor, and the police were not compelled to make an arrest.

It savored more of Surday than of Christmas. Most of the stores were closed during the entire day, while a few, mostly groceries, were opened until noon for the convenience of persons who had been unable to finish purchasing Saturday night.

Serene conditions continued after dark, and comparatively few people were on the streets. Some Alexandrians kept open house and visits were exchanged, as is usual on Chrismas, but all, or the great mass, manifested but little of the conviviality noticed in by-gone years.

Yesterday was the first dry Christmas for nearly half a century. During the civil war the military attempted to keep liquor out of the city, but with little success.

Many Alexandrians visited Washington Saturday night and yesterday, and those who wanted stimulants procured the same. But few people in the capital city—that is those seen on the streets—showed effects of too much cheer.

Funeral of Mrs. Taliaferro.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Harriotte Lee Taliaferro who died Sunday, December 17, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T J. Wyche, in Berkeley, Cal., took place from Christ Church this morning at eleven o'clock. The officiating minister was the Rev. William J. Morton, rector of the church. The Rev. Dr. Samuel A. Wallis, of the Episcopal Seminary took part in the services at the grave The pallbearers were Mr. Thomas Taliaferro, of Washington; Mr. Gardner Lloyd Boothe and Mr. Gardner Boothe, of Alexandria, and three grandsons, Mr. Ramsay Taliaferro, Mr. Seddon Taliaferro, jr., and Mr. Arthur Lee Taliaferro, of Rock Spring Wyo. The interment was in the old family lot in Christ Church Cemetery. Mrs. Taliaferro was a daughter, by his first wife, of the late Cassius F. Lee, Esq., one of the old residents of this city and also of "Menokin," neear the Theological Seminary. He was for many years the honored treasurer of the Seminary and did much for its restoration after the Civil War. She was the sister of Miss Sarah Lee, and of the late Mr. Cassius F. Lee, of this city.

RUSSIAN HATE NOT DESIRED.

Germany Doesn't Want to Create Feeling of Revenge, Says Editor.

Amsterdam, Dec 26.—Prefacing an evidently inspired editorial with the statement that Germany does not desire to create a feeling of revenge in Russia, which would provoke another war, the Cologne Gazette declares that Germany intends to restore the Russian Baltic provinces, but that Russia must recognize that the new situation created in Poland cannot be changed. The paper argues that in taking Poland, Germany was really rendering a service to Russia, and that, deprived of Poland, Russia, will form a united and homogeneous Empire.

"Germany will never allow Russia to possess Constantinople," according to the paper, "but is ready to negotiate with Turkey and Russia an arrangement permitting Russian warships and merchantmen to navigate the straits."

Annoucing that the Swiss Minister at Berlin is about to present Switzerland's peace note to the imperial German Chancellor, The Vossiche Zeitung says that peace notes from other neutral countries are expected in the course of the week.

When in Washington and hungry, stop at Schneider's Restaurant 12th street opposite Raleigh.

BIG POSTAL BUSINESS

Alexandria Postoffice Handles Largest Amount of Christmas Mail Matter Ever Known in its History.

Postmaster Smith reports an increase in parcel post matter of approximately thirty-three and one-third per cent. over other years at the city postoffice for the holiday season thus far this year. In fact, mails of all classes have been the largest in the history of the local office. Extra clerks and carriers were secured, however, and both incoming and outgoing mails were dispatched promptly, not a single piece of mail matter being left in the office over night that had not been given proper attention. Every month during the past year has shown a gratifying increase and the business has grown to such an extent that more room is urgently needed for the conduct of the business in a satisfactory manner.

As now arranged the clerks in each department are compelled to do their work under artificial light, day in and out all the year through, which, in addition to the fact that the space allotted to each is entirely inadequate, compells them to work at a very great disadvantage, to the detriment of not only their health and eyesight but also to the service they endeavor to render. A proper regard for the requirements of this branch of Uncle Samuel's public service demands that larger and more commodious quarters should be provided.

It is hoped that the suggestions already made by Postmaster Smith to the department at Washington, providing for the purchase of additional land and the erection of a much needed addition to the present building, may meet with the consideration and approval which it merits.

Postmaster Smith has given much attention to the matter, and the highly satisfactory administration he is giving demonstrates that he is well qualified to know what the service requires.

KAISER IN CONFERENCE.

German Emperor Talks Peace With Gerard and Swiss Minister in Teuton Capital Today.

Amsterdam, Dec. 26— American Ambassador Gerard is scheduled for a special audience with Kaiser Wilhelm today, dispatches from Berlin asserted.

The Emperor, it was stated, also has asked the Swiss minister at Berlin, Dr. W. DeClarnrede, to come to the palace for an audience.

Presumably these conferences have to do with America's peace suggestions, now joined in by the Swiss government.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Germany handed to the neutral nations whose services she asked in forwarding peace suggestions to her enemies, a sealed packet containing the specific terms upon which she was willing to make peace, according to report in circulation here today.

The report had it that this packet was sent with instructions that it was only to be read and forwarded to Germany's enemies of the entente in case those powers answering Germany's proffers, actually requested terms, Otherwise, it was to be returned unopened.

The same report declared in the case of the note submitted to Pope Benedict, Germany permitted the Holy Father to read this secret list of concessions and demands.

No official comment was obtainable here today either from the Vatican or the court as to this report or as to the official view on the peace suggestions contained in President Wilson's note.

It was apparent, however, that Italian officialdom is puzzled by the American suggestion, considering there is some diplomatic secret behind it.

The Italian press today continued its speculation concerning President Wilson's step and found countless motives as impelling it.

These range all the way from belief that it was inspired by "Secretary Lansing's pro-Germanism" down to the possibility of this being the first step in America entering the war.

Lynnhaven Bay Oysters on Half Shell, Pint or Gallon. Jacob Brill, Foot King Strr

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SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS.

The disposition to make Christmas Day one of dread to those who believe in the wisdom of the observation "True happiness is of a quiet nature an enemy to pomp and noise," is gradually giving way to the safe, sane and conservative celebration of the birth of the Prince of Peace. Conditions were almost as serene yesterday as those of Sunday, and ear-splitting noises and drunken men and boys staggering through the streets were conspicuous by their absence. There was a time when grocers, confectiners, bakers and others could not deliver goods on Christmas Day, the incessant discharge of toy cannon, cannoncrackers, pistols, etc., rendering it dangerous to place horses in the streets. The action of the authorities in carrying out the law concerning such senseless and dangerous proceedings has, afer years, succeeded in eliminating this imaginary adjunct to Christmas cheer, and yesterday was not marred by fogs in certain neighborhoods caused by the burning of powder. Toy guns and pistols were few and far between.

In this connection it may be stated that a boy killed another in Baltimore yesterday while handling a toy rifle he had received as his Christmas gift.

Truly, times change and people change with them. While there are many customs in the world which are a disgrace to civilization, it cannot be denied that the trend is toward improvement. This is especially the case in regard to Christmas. The present generation, very sensibly, is not following in the footsteps of their ancestors, who strangely supposed that Christmas minus drunkenness and fights, was Hamlet without Hamlet.

Court day in certain counties many years ago was looked upon as uninteresting without several fights. Some men with more muscle than mind, who had no business at court, would leave their work, repair to the lawn in front of the courthouse, doff their coats and lay them down. This meant if any man on the ground imagines he is a better man than I, this is the place to settle it. After waiting a while and no one appearing to take up the challenge, the man would take their coats and depart. In this day such characters would be taken up and made face a lunacy commission.

"INSECTS" IN OYSTERS

There is an old story to the effect that an Irish girl was once told by her mistress to prepare oysters for dinner. The lady of the house was startled when the maid brought in a stack of washed shells and placed them on the table. Upon questioning her, the girl, in her innocency, told her mistress that she had cleaned them thoroughly after throwing their insides into the street. A story in the Baltimore Sun of this morning is akin to this libel on the girl from Tipperary:

Some months before Christmas the captain of a foreign ship which was lying at Baltimore was entertained lavishly by some of his friends in the monumental city. Among the treats given him were raw oysters, something he had never before enjoyed. These were of a flavor and delicacy known only in the Chesapeake Bay.

The foreigner was delighted with the oysters and would eat nothing away from his ship while in the city. This his friends soon found out, and to further strengthen themselves in his good graces, had several barrels of select oysters sent to his ship just before it sailed.

After the voyage across, the vessel made a return trip to Baltimore, and the friends of the skipper crowded around him as soon as he landed and wanted to know how he had enjoyed the delicacies.

"Don't you know," he said, when he was able to reply, "that we had to throw nearly all of those oysters overboard because they were no good. Practically every one of them had a live insect on the inside, and we let the whole blooming bunch go to Davy Jones."

The captain was greatly mortified when he learned that what he took for insects were oyster crabs, which are only found in the better variety of bivalves.

SAD CHRISTMAS READING

Dr. William Bayard Hale in writing from the European battle front says:

A day or two ago I submitted some data based upon estimates given to me by a high military authority from Berlin. Today I am permitted to amplify this death roll. It makes sad Christmas reading, but the American public cannot be too often reminded of the fact that over here on a dozen battle grounds men are murdering one another day and night without respite sufficient to bury the dead or harbor the wounded.

For one hundred and twenty-five weeks now this juggernaught has been rolling over Central and Southern Europe, belching forth grenades, sharpnel, shells, gas bombs and liquid fire, setting up in luxury the manufacturers of these fiendish devices which are leaving a shameful wake.

Military statisticians concede that the losses up to date are fifteen and a half millions.

Russia has given up 8,500,000, France, 4,000,000, England, 1,500,000, Turkey, 820,000, Serbia, 500,000, Roumania, 400,000 and Belgium, 200,000.

The German losses on the Somme alone in six months have been but a trifle under 400,000. Let the reader apportion the losses on the other fronts and add those of Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey, and it is reasonable to set down 20,000,000 as the aggregate total war toll of dead, wounded and missing up to this Christmas day.

It must not be forgotten that it is the very monhood of a dozen nations which are yielding up their blood.

Today I picked up a copy of a Hamburg paper containing a memorial published by the school board of that city. It occupied a space equal to that of two full columns in an American newspaper and recounted the names of thirty-one Hamburg school masters who had fallen on various fronts.

CHRISTMAS IN LONDON.

An old London Christmas was one of the events of the British metropolis. Christmas Eve on Piccadilly was not only witnessed by thousands of Londoners, but people from all sections of England could be found mingling with the myriads who surged up and down that great thoroughfare on such occasions, Homee's Day Book, an old London production, contains pictures of scenes on Piccadilly at this festive season. "The Lord of Misrule," who mounted the throne next day, afforded merriment to rthe masses.

It was not so last Saturday night and yesterday. London was in comparative darkness, and instead of the many merrymakers, anxious-looking people sped along with but little of the Christmas spirit in evidence. A dispatch from London says yesterday, the third Christmas night of the war found London almost as lively as Wall street, New York, on a Sunday evening, except that Wall street is lighted, while the Strand last night was a black as a back alley in Chinatown.

This is the way they do things out in Alexandria, Indiana, according to a telegraphic dispatch dated yesterday: Dorey Little, a wealthy farmer, has put his car in the garage for the winter and part of the spring. Mayor Wales, sitting as police judge when Little was before him on an intoxication charge, told Little to stay home six months or go to the penitentiary. Little will stay home.

WANTED

WANTED—A middle aged white woman as housekeeper for family of two adults. Can go home nights. Apply by letter to R. J. Mumford, 510 Queen St. Alexandria, Va. 301-1

WANTED — Girl or woman to do housework. Apply to Mrs. Grillbortzer, 814 Franklin St. 301-3t.

FRESH COUNTRY EGGS—38 cents dozen— per case (30 doz.) f. o. b. Greensboro—cash with order. J. W. Wiley, box 542 Greensboro, N. C. 268-1.M

WANTED—Work by the day. Apply 419 north Henry St. 301-1t.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT — Office rooms in the Mutual Insurance building, hot water heat. Mutual Insurance Co., Royal and Prince Sts. 286-18t.

Mrs. Florence D. Madella, 716 Wolfe street, Alexandria, Pollard system of scientific facial and scalp massage. Parisian pack. Also manicuring, shampooing and hair dyeing and weaving. 301-4t

GREETINGS

Wishing you a Merrier Christmas and a Happier New Year than the Merriest and Happiest You Have Ever Known

Banner Laundry

Richmond-Surprise Theatres

First Show Starts at Both Theaters At 6:30 P. M.

RICHMOND

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Lionel Barrymore in

THE BRAND OF COWARDICE

Metro picture.

Chapter H.

The Scarlet Runner

Vitagraph

WEDNESDAY

Mae Marsh in

THE WILD GIRL OF SIERRAS

Triangle

Also a 2 reel Keystone comedy

HIS WILD OATS

SURPRISE

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

Gladys Hulette in

THE SHINE GIRL

Pathe

WEDNESDAY

Winifred Greenwood in

A WOMAN'S DARING

Mutual Picture. 5 reels.

The Store of Greater Service.

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10:22 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham. Sleeping car Salisburg to Ashville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville Greensboro, and Charlotte.

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4:02 P. M.—Daily local for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

5:22 P. M. Local for Warrenton.

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RACE TO SINKING SHIP

Steamship Maryland Reported in Distress 150 Miles Off Sandy Hook.

New York, Dec. 26—Four ships are racing to the aid of the steamship Maryland, reported sinking about 150 miles off Sandy Hook

Early today the wireless crashed out the distress call from the Maryland, and the coast guard cutters Acushnet, from Boston, Seneca from Newport, and the Mohawk, together with the steamer Savannah, started at full speed for the position given in the "S. O. S.".

The wireless messages said the engine rooms of the Maryland were rapidly being flooded, but the cause of the distress could not be made out owing to the weakness of the call.

The position reported, however, latitude 39, longitude 67, is in that region where allied shipping recently was raided by the German submarine U-53.

There are two steamships in the maritime register under the name of Maryland. One of these is a British vessel of 2,962 tons and the other is an American vessel of 1,899 tons. The latter was last reported on December 23, leaving Philadelphia for Liverpool or London. This is believed to be the ship in distress.

The American ship Maryland is owned by the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad, and when she left port in Philadelphia on Saturday carried a cargo of oil, iron pipes, fiber, paper, and miscellaneous merchandise. She last reported her position as seventy-five miles east of the five-fathom bank lightship.

The Maryland was built in Wyandotte, Mich., for lake trade. She carried a crew of twenty while engaged in lake traffice.

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DEMANDS ON GERMANY.

Impossible to Meet Teutons on Equal Footing at Conference.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Working together as one, the allies will send two separate notes in the near future—one to the United States and the other to Germany.

The appeal of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and the suggestion of President Wilson will be treated entirely separately and each of the two notes will be signed by all of the nine allied governments. Neither note will be answered within two weeks.

An exclusive feature of the reply to the United States will be a frank statement by the allies that it is impossible to meet Germany on an equal footing at any peace conference.

President Wilson will be impressed with the fact that Germany as the instigator of the war is beyond the pale and must admit her wrong doing and evince a sincere feeling before the allies are willing to meet the Berlin diplomats or exchange any prodirect negotiations are impossible unposals concerning peace.

The fact will be established that til Germany drops the mask of having been forced into the war.

Once this basis is reached, with Germany giving evidence of contrition and readiness to accept the blame, further pourparlers may follow.

Tokyo, Dec. 26.—Japan's answer to President Wilson's note, it is believed, will be warmly appreciative of his solicitude for the restoration of peace, but regretting the impossibility of stopping belligerency before the purpose of the war is effected.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The net earnings of the railroads of the United States for the year 1916 will amount to more than a billion dollars under present conditions, according to reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The commission has complete records on the earnings and expenses of the railroads for the first nine months of the year, and they show a phenomenal gain in the business and earnings of the carriers for that period. With the railroads continuing their record-breaking business until the end of the year will show net earnings of about a thousand million.

The death of Bishop Henry J. Richter, of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Mich., who was stricken with pneumonia Sunday, is feared hourly, according to a report from his physician. He grew steadily worse during the night and yesterday morning lapsed into unconsciousness. Last rites of the church have been administered. The Grand Rapids Diocese has been under the administration of Bishop Richter since it was organized by Pope Leo about 32 years ago. Before coming to Michigan he was active among the Roman Catholic clergy in Cincinnati. He was born in Germany in 1838.

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GERMANY WILL RISK WAR

Teutons to Insist Upon War of Frightfulness.

New York, Dec. 26—The New York Herald prints the following:

The Herald is enabled to announce authoritatively that the German people are demanding of their government the resumption of the campaign of frightfulness, even at the cost of war with the United States.

The President has reports to this effect from members of the diplomatic corps in Germany:

The German people believe, if their submarines are permitted a free rein, England can be starved.

They believe that if the submarines are permitted to do so, that they can sink every vessel laden with munitions of war to be used against the Fatherland.

Therefore, they demand that Admiral von Tirpitz and his element shall have their way and sink every vessel that approaches a British port.

The official who gave this information to the Herald made further explanations.

"The German people reason that one or more nations against them will make but a slight difference," he said. "They know that not for years could an enemy invade German soil therefore they say why not starve England as one of the measures to end the war. They are demanding to know of their government why it permits the United States to ship munitions and to say that such vessels must not be sunk."

This government official expressed the emphatic opinion that, after a trip abroad and an intimate knowledge of the present temper of the German people, the United States and Germany will be in a state of war by spring, "for I am told on the highest authority that Germany will start her campaign of frightfulness before the spring drive of the allies begins," he said, "and if the campaign of marine terror is waged there is only one thing America can do and this is declare war."

Remarkably good order, as compared with former years, featured Christmas Day in Richmond, and provisions for the comfort of the poor were broader and more far-reaching than ever in history. But few "drunks" were seen on the streets.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

Edna F. Roy, Complainant vs. In Chancery. Rodolphe G. Roy, Defendant. Divorce.

Upon the written application of the complainant stating specifically the last known address and place of abode of the defendant, that the defendant is a non-resident of the state of Virginia and has not been found within the jurisdiction of the said State, the Clerk of the said Court doth grant the following order of publication, at the Courthouse of the said City of Alexandria, Virginia, in vacation of the said Court on this 26th, day of December, 1916.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii for the complainant, Edna F. Roy, from the defendant, Rodolphe G. Roy, on the grounds of wilful abandonment and desertion for a period of more than three years next preceding the filing of this suit, without legal justification or excuse, and for general relief.

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Rodolphe G. Roy, is a non-resident of the state of Virginia, and has not been found within the jurisdiction of the said State, it is ordered that he do appear in the Clerk's Office of our said court within fifteen (15) days after the due publication of this order of publication and do what is necessary to protect his interests in this suit.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the "Alexandria Gazette", a newspaper published in the said City of Alexandria, Virginia, and that a copy of this order be posted at the front door of the Courthouse of this Court on or before the next succeeding rule day of this Court after this order is entered, and that a copy of this order of publication shall be sent by mail by the Clerk of this Court to the defendant addressed to his last known address and place of abode, to-wit, Lewiston, state of Maine.

Entered by Nevell S. Greenaway, Clerk of the said Court in the Clerk's Office of Alexandria City, Virginia, this 26th day of December, 1916.

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY,
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.
Edward L. Gies and Amos Crounse
P. Q. 301-Dec. 26, Jan. 6-13-20.

AUCTION SALES

Of desirable resident property in Braddock, Alexandria, Virginia.

By virtue of a deed of trust bearing date on the 30th day of September, 1913, and recorded among the land records of Alexandria County, Virginia in Deed Book 140, page 27, executed by Robert Elliott and wife to George E. Warfield and Harry B. Caton, to secure the payment of certain notes in the said deed of trust fully described and set forth, default having been made in the payment of the principal note and two interest notes, and at the request and by the direction of the holders of said notes the undersigned Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Royal Street entrance to the Market Building in the City of Alexandria, on Saturday, January 6th, 1917, at 12:00 o'clock M. all that tract or parcel of land together with the improvements thereon formerly situated in Jefferson Magisterial District, Alexandria county, Virginia, but by the extension of the boundaries of the City of Alexandria now situated in said City of Alexandria, Virginia, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a locust stake which is North 1 degree 47' 30" East 38 feet and North 88 degrees 12' 30" West 24 feet from the stake at the southwest corner of the property which by deed dated December 4, 1911, and recorded in Deed Book 131, page 459 of the land records of Alexandria County, Virginia, was conveyed by Robert Elliott to Mary T. Lukens; thence parallel with said Lukens' West line south 1 degree 47' 30" West 72.41 feet to a locust stake; thence North 88 degrees 12' 30" West 110 feet to a locust stake; thence North 1 degree 47' 30" East 72.41 feet to a locust stake; thence South 88 degrees 12' 30" East 110 feet to the beginning, containing 7,965 square feet agreeably to a survey thereof made October 1, 1913 by George E. Garrett Surveyor, and being part of Villa Site No. 16 on the plat of the Northwest Alexandria Improvement Company of record in the land records of Alexandria County in Deed Book U, No. 4, page 60, and which was conveyed to the said Robert Elliott by the Northwest Alexandria Improvement Company by deed dated April 14, 1905, recorded in Deed Book 111, page 153 of the land records of said County.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, balance in equal instalments payable six and twelve months after date, with interest at six per cent secured by deed of trust. All conveyancing at the cost of the purchaser, who will be required to make a deposit of $50 when property is struck off.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Further details are coming in regarding the havoc played Friday by an unseasonable electric storm. Near Mount Clinton, northwest of Harrisonburg, one dozen barns, sheds and porches were unroofed by the wind that blew like a Kansas cyclone. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Lineweaver were driving to the city when the wind blew the buggy out of the road and threw them into the ditch. Charles Carr had a similar experience in the same vicinity. The roof of North Mountain School was carried away. Hebbert Anderson had two fine cattle killed outright when the wind blew his barn down. The thunder and lightning were of unusual violence. There was a heavy rain. From Shenandoah County comes a similar story. Telephone poles and trees were blown down. The storm came during a sudden warm wave that followed a week of snow and near-zero weather.

When the trestle work supporting the stone bins collopsed at the plant of the Standard Lime and Stone Company at Strasburg, Sunday morning. Harvey Nesselrodt, aged twenty-nine years and James Hendson, aged forty-one years were instantly killed.

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Sulphuric Acid	.017 per ct.
Phosphoric Acid	.031 per ct.
Nitrogen	.023 per ct.
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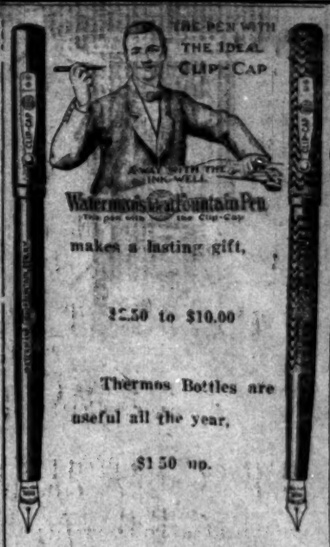
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An average of 15,000 quarts of liquor daily, it is estimated was shipped out of Washington into "dry" Virginia during last week. One day during the week, it is declared, the shipments amounted to 25,000 quarts. The express companies kept a large force of extra clerks at work, handling the shipments, but it was not able to cope with the extra packages of Christmas cheer billed for Old Virginia.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

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The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Alexandria Iron Works will be held at the office, corner Wilkes and Royal streets, Alexandria, Virginia, December 30th, 1916, at 8.30 a. m. By order of the president.

A. S. MANKIN, Secretary.
292 td.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 8, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M.

WALTER ROBERTS, President.
295-td

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The Citizens National Bank
Alexandria, Va.
December 9th 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January the 9th, 1917, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.
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ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 9, 1916—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 9th day of January 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

J. L. PERRY, Cashier.
288-td.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., January 9th 1917 at 10 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES D. WALCOTT, Pres.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
300-td.

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

First National Bank,
Alexandria, Virginia,
December 9th, 1916.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at eleven o'clock, a. m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

GEORGE E. WARFIELD,
Cashier.
289-td.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE—That the undersigned will, on the 16th day of January, 1917, or as soon thereafter as his application may be heard, make application to the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for license to order, purchase or receive pure grain, ethyl or pure fruit alcohol, for the use of the laboratory of the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, not to be used contrary to the provisions of chapter 146 of the Acts of Assembly of Virginia of 1916.

D. MILTON FRENCH,
Chemist in charge of Laboratory.
Dec. 23-30-Jan.-6..

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., January 9th, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

CHARLES D WALCOTT, Pres.
A. H. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
300-td.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing years and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., January 9th, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M.

A. M. McLACHLEN, President.
L. P. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
300 td

NOTICE

The Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Odd Fellows Joint Stock Company, will be held on Monday night January 1, 1917, at Odd Fellows Hall, South Columbus St., Alexandria, Va., at 8 p. m.

C. C. BROOKS, President.
W. H. Skinner, Secretary.
300 2t.